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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: A TEAR-BACK DRINK-THROUGH LID
FOR A BEVERAGE CONTAINER
Inventors: Jonathan E. Rush, Alois A. Schmidtner,
Wayne A. Brown, and Trung Tran

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 31 pages, including title page and 1 page Abstract, with 7 independent claims and 39 claims total.
2. Drawings - 6 sheets of drawings (FIGS. 1-10).
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by inventors J. Rush, A. Schmidtner, and W. Brown (2 pages).
4. Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by inventor T. Tran (2 pages).
5. Recordation Form Cover Sheet (1 page) including an Assignment to Fort James Corporation executed by J. Rush, A. Schmidtner, and W. Brown (2 pages) and an Assignment to Fort James Corporation executed by T. Tran (2 pages) (5 pages total).

6. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770	\$ 770.00
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7. A check for \$40.00 for the recordation of assignment is also enclosed.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Nos. 60/460,324, filed April 3, 2003, and 60/466,150, filed April 28, 2003.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date, and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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